**Universal Periodic Review, 39th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, 3rd of November 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Saint Vincent & the Grenadines and commends it for its efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and girls. However, we remain concerned that the LGBTI community continues to face discrimination.

Therefore, *Denmark recommends the Government to decriminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults by amending section 146 and 148 of the Criminal Code.*

Furthermore, we are concerned about reports of overcrowding and insufficient access to medical care in the prisons and detention facilities.

Therefore, *Denmark recommends the Government to bring its prison and detention conditions fully in line with international human rights norms and standards, including the Nelson Mandela Rules.*

Finally, *Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the OPCAT.*

We wish Saint Vincent & the Grenadines a successful review.

I thank you.